(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what are the reasons for delay in this regard together with the details of time bound programme formulated to remit the balance amount and by when the amount is likely to be released to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) (a) to (e) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the development of infrastructural facilities for the judiciary was introduced from 1993-94. This scheme aims at supplementing the efforts of the State Governments and is confined to construction of Court Buildings and residences for the Judges. One of the main criteria of the scheme is that the State Government must provide a matching share to the amount allocated by the Central Government. An amount of Rs. 122 lakhs has been released to Tripura from 1993-94 to 1996-97. During 1997-98 an amount of Rs. 20 lakhs as first instalment of Central share has been released to Tripura out of the tentative allocation of Rs. 40 lakhs for this financial year.

Constitutional amendment for appointment of Judges

759. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to bring amendment in the constitution regarding the procedure for the appointment of High Courts and Supreme Court Judges;

(b) what are the details of the amendment and its scope?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) The Government decided to introduce a Constitution Amendment Bill in Parliament to make changes in the existing system of appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court, Chief Justices of the High Courts, Judges of the High Courts and transfer of Judges of the High Courts. The Government felt it necessary to amend the Constitution to reiterate and spell out the intent of the framers of the Constitution clearly and unambiguously with a view to keep it beyond the pale of any contraversy. Accordingly, the Constitution (Eighty-Second Amendment) Bill, 1997 was circulated to members of the Lok Sabha in March, 1997.

Setting up of development fund for Tourism

760. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have initiated any proposal to set up development fund for tourism with a view to finance small infrastructure projects undertaken by State Governments and non-Government Organisations (NGO) throughout the country;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have issued any guidelines; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details have not been finalised.

Memorandum by IATO for reforming Tourism Policy

761. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of State Tourism Ministers was recently held at New Delhi to discuss mainly proposal contained in the Draft National Tourism Policy;

(b) if so, details of the agenda discussed and decisions taken;

(c) whether Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) have submitted a memorandum to Government seeking appropriate policy reform for promotion and development of tourism in the country to tap vast untapped potential in tourism industry; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) and (b) A Conference of State Minister's was held on 27th June 1997 at New Delhi primarily to discuss the Draft National Policy alongwith other matters like Infrastructure Development for Tourism, Rationalisation of Tax Structure, Implementation of Centrally Assisted Projects, Inter State Movement of Vehicles, Guidelines for Eco-Tourism Development, Celebration of 50th Year of India's Independence, Draft task Force Report on Tourism Development in North Eastern States; etc.

(c) and (d) The Indian Association of Tour Operators made a presentation in the State Tourism Minister's Conference, highlighting issues pertaining to Tourism. Some of these issues have been reflected in the Resolutions of the Meeting.

गुजरात में नई पर्यटन परियोजनाओं के लिए जिलों का चयन

762. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला:** क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गुजरात के वे कौन-कौन से जिले हैं जिन्हें सरकार की नई पर्यटन नीति के अंतर्गत नए पर्यटन स्थलों के चयन में सम्मिलित किया गया है;

(ख) इन जिलों में कच्छ और बनासकांठा में कौन-कौन से अधोषित पर्यटन स्थल हैं जिन्हें राष्ट्रीय पर्यटन स्थल के रूप में घोषित करने का प्रस्ताव है;

(ग) क्या धौलावीरा पर्यटन स्थल को भी ऐसे स्थलों में सम्मिलित किया गया है; और

(घ) उक्त स्थान पर एक पर्यटन क्षेत्र के सतत विकास के लिए अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर की सुविधाओं को मुहैया कराने हेतु क्या-क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री श्रीकान्त जैना): (क) सरकार की राष्ट्रीय पर्यटन नीति के प्रारूप में किसी पर्यटक स्थल को विनिर्दिष्ट नहीं किया गया है क्योंकि पर्यटक केन्द्रों का अभिनिर्धारण एवं विकास करना, मुख्यत: संबंधित राज्य सरकारों की जिम्मेदारी है।

(ख) पर्यटन विभाग किसी भी स्थल को राष्ट्रीय स्थल घोषित नहीं करता है।

(ग) और (घ) पर्यटन विभाग ने धौलावीरा में पर्यटक सुविधाओं के निर्माण हेतु वर्ष 1997-98 में वित्तीय सहायता उपलब्ध करवाने के लिए एक परियोजना को प्राथमिकता प्रदान की है।

Five Special Tourism Areas under NAP

763. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that five special tourism areas have been identified under the National Action Plan on tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such areas are in Gujarat;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) how Government propose to develop this area?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. the special Tourism Areas identified are Bekal in Kerala, Puri in Orissa, Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Diu and Muttukadu-Mamallapuram Beach in Tamil Nadu.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Completion of tourism projects in Gujarat

764. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tourism projects in Gujarat sanctioned by the Government in the current Plan;

(b) the details of the projects completed so far, district-wise;

(c) the number of projects so far not included in the current Plan and details of the projects under completion;

(d) whether Government are aware of tourist potential of the Harappan culture hidden near village Dholavira Bhachali, in District of Kutch; and